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Calamotropha paludella (Hb.) (Lep.: Pyralidae) in Herefordshire

Being unable to sleep on the exceptionally warm night of 29 July 2006, I was suddenly aware of a small moth flying around the bed. This, when boxed and identified the following morning, proved to be *Calamotropha paludella* only the second county record for this species, the first record having been made at Ledbury on 2 July 2005 by M. W. Harper (*antea*: 263). The larva feeds on *Typha latifolia* and there is a good stand of the foodplant approximately 100 yards from the house. The moth seems quite scarce in this region and there are only two records for the neighbouring county of Gloucestershire: For East Gloucestershire (VC 33) there is a record from Gloucester on 2 July 2001 (*Ent. Rec.* 114: 280) and for West Gloucestershire (VC 34) there is one from the Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust site at Slimbridge, on 6 August 1999.— M. J. LEECH, Lyston House, Wormelow, Herefordshire HR2 8EL.